

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The container for an immunoassay according to claim 12, wherein the contact angle between the inner surface of the container and water is 1° or less.

7. (Previously Presented) The container for an immunoassay according to claim 12, wherein the saturation adsorption amount of molecules used for the assay is 1×10^{-3} pmol/cm² or less.

8.-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A container for an immunoassay, wherein ~~at least an~~ the inner surface, which is to contact a specimen for immunoassay, of the container is formed from or coated with an ultra-hydrophilic polymer that is insoluble in water, wherein the ultra-hydrophilic polymer is selected from the group consisting of a polyoxy(C₂-C₉)alkylene group containing methacrylate) polymer, a copolymer containing a polyoxy(C₂-C₉)alkylene group containing methacrylate) polymer subunit, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, a phospholipid polymer phospholipid polymer composite, a (2-methacryloyloxyethylphosphorylcholine) polymer and a copolymer containing a (2-methacryloyloxyethylphosphorylcholine) polymer subunit; and

wherein the saturation adsorption amount, on the inner surface of the container, of molecules used for the assay is 1×10^{-1} pmol/cm² or less.

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 4 and 5 have been cancelled.

Claim 12 has been amended.

The amendment of Claim 12 is supported by the corresponding claim as previously presented.

No new matter is believed to have been entered by the present amendment.